

The following statement shows the quantity and value of the production of metalliferous mines, stone-quarries under the Stone-quarries Act, and of coal-mines during 1928 and 1927 :—

Mineral.	1928.		1927.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold and silver*	532,914 oz.	£ 551,242	506,420 oz.	£ 550,166
Platinum	35 „	263	33 „	231
Osmiridium	10 dwt.	10	..	..
Tungsten-ore.. .. .	6 $\frac{4}{20}$ tons	432	6 $\frac{9}{20}$ tons	445
Sulphur	719 „	8,200	469 „	3,375
Iron	6,362 „	31,802	3,383 „	17,761
Quicksilver .. .. .	..	..	1 $\frac{4}{20}$ „	462
Stone .. .. .	..	461,890	..	570,369
Pumice	2,301 „	8,280	1,733 „	6,230
Coal	2,436,753 „	2,436,753	2,366,740 „	2,366,740
Totals .. .. .	..	£3,498,872	..	£3,515,779

* The gold-silver bullion is generally exported unseparated.

The value of minerals, including kauri-gum, exported and of the coal used in the Dominion, which is shown in Table No. 1 accompanying this Statement, amounted to £3,222,137, as compared with £3,312,543 during 1927. The total value of such minerals exported to the end of 1928 amounted to £169,465,395.

GOLD AND SILVER MINING.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of bullion-production, the dividends paid by registered companies, and the number of productive claims and gold-dredges during 1928 and 1927 :—

Class of Gold-mining.	Production of Bullion.				Dividends paid by Registered Companies.		Number of Productive Claims and Dredges.	
	1928.		1927.		1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£	£	£		
Quartz	506,473	446,014	480,978	449,281	99,181	49,591	22	22
Alluvial	10,593	40,517	10,402	40,154	1,660	2,155	333	346
Dredging	15,848	64,711	15,040	60,731	3,283	6,766	5	4
Totals	532,914	551,242	506,420	550,166	104,124	58,512	360	372

COAL-MINING.

The output of several classes of coal mined in each inspection district is summarized as follows :—

Class of Coal.	Output of Coal during 1928.				Total Output to the End of 1928.
	Northern District (North Island).	West Coast District (South Island).	Southern District (South Island).	Total.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Bituminous and sub-bituminous	179,460	1,169,272	..	1,348,732	41,819,046
Brown	602,429	31,408	339,401	973,238	22,734,951
Lignite .. .. .	..	159	114,624	114,783	4,208,838
Totals for 1928 ..	781,889	1,200,839	454,025	2,436,753	68,762,835
Totals for 1927 ..	747,530	1,156,191	463,019	2,366,740	66,326,082